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COMPONENTS INTO A MATRIX TO OBTAIN
DISCRETE SHELF-STABLE PARTICLES

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 2. U. S. Serial No. 09/410,017, filed October 1, 1999, for Encapsulation of Sensitive Components Into A Matrix To Obtain Discrete Shelf-Stable Particles, inventor Bernhard H. van Lengerich.
 3. U. S. Serial No. (not yet assigned), filed October 2, 2000, for Encapsulation of Components Into Edible Products, inventor Bernhard H. van Lengerich.

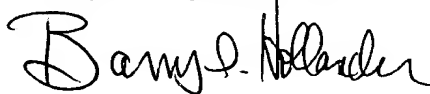
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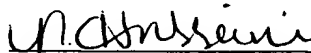
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